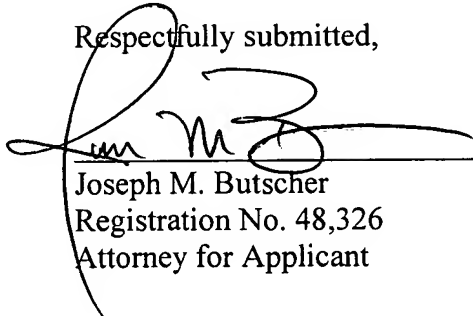


REMARKS

The present application included pending claims 1-21. Claims 1-14 have been allowed. In order to expedite prosecution towards patent issuance, claims 15-21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants will pursue claims 15-21 in a continuation application. The Applicants submit that claims 1-14 are in condition for allowance.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims of the present application should be in condition for allowance at least for the reasons discussed above and request reconsideration of the claim rejections and objections. If the Examiner has any questions or the Applicants can be of any assistance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicants. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee for the terminal disclaimer (\$130) and any other necessary fees or credit any overpayment to the GTC Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

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